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Applicants: Hirofumi TERADA et al.
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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December 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on January 5, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.